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## (54) Title: THERMOFORMING OR BLOW MOULDING OF INJECTION MOULDED PREFORMS

## (57) Abstract

A mould tool comprises a primary cavity part (201), a core part (202), a secondary cavity assembly (203) and an actuation ring (204). The primary cavity part (201) is attached to the fixed platen of a moulding machine in use and incorporates an injection gate (211). The core part (202) is attached to the moving platen and has a fixed portion (2021) having outside its preform shaping surfaces (20211) four pivot points (224) – of which two are shown – for the secondary cavity petals (2030), of which there are four. Also the core part incorporates a movable portion (2022), comprised of a preform shaping end plate (20221), a carrier (20222) for the end plate, a pair of movement rods (20223) to which the carrier is attached and which are housed in bores (20224) in the core (202) via linear bearings (20225). The secondary cavity assembly (203) includes a carrier (2030) having a pair of movement rods (2031) which are housed in bores (2032) in the core (202) via linear bearings (2033). The actuation ring (204) is attached to the carrier (2030) and has a central bore (2041) through which the movement rods (2031) pass.

